



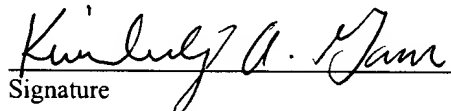
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Leonard A. Smith *et al.* Conf. No. : 8442
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For : RECOMBINANT VACCINE AGAINST BOTULINUM NEUROTOXIN

RESPONSE

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited on November 16, 2005 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

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Sir:

This responds to the May 16, 2005 non-final Office Action received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for a three (3)-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, and a check for \$1020 in payment of the extension fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension and payment of the fee, the response is due by November 16, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

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